REMARKS

Claim 22 has been amended to recite "at least 25-30% by weight of SO_{3.}" Claim 28 has been amended to recite dependency from claim 22, since claim 27 (upon which claim 28 originally depended has been canceled) originally depended upon claim 22. Claims 27 and 47 have been canceled without prejudice. Support for the amendments to the claims is found in the specification. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment. Claims 22-26, 28-46 and 48-61 will therefore now pending in this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner has rejected claims 22-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,458,973 ("the '973 patent") and has rejected claims 43-61 as claiming the same invention as claims 1-64 of U.S. Patent No. 6,703,516 ("the '516 patent").

Applicants submit that none of pending claims 22-26 and 28-42 are identical to any of claims 1-21 of the '973 patent. Likewise, none of pending claims 43-46 and 48-61 are identical to any of claims 1-64 of the '516 patent. The Examiner's double-patenting rejections should therefore be withdrawn.

For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's rejections be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable action. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below if progress of this application could be advanced.

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